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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:		)	Group Art:	1502
Serial No.:	Van Voris 08/771,467	)	Examiner:	N. Levy
Filed:	December 20, 1996	)	Attorney Docket:	BTEL:025 (B1075-F2C2)
Title:	Method and Device for Protection of Wooden Objects Proximate Soil from Pest Invasion	)		RECEIVED MAR 2
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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO PATENT OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated December 22, 1997, please amend the applications as specified and consider the following remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 25, line 1 after "metallized" add --polyethylene terephthalate--; on page 25, line 1 after "or" add --poly(vinylidene chloride)--.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of making a [controlled release] device <u>for controlled release of at least one pesticide</u> useful for retarding or preventing decay or deterioration of a wooden object [from a pest] <u>by pests</u>, the method [having] <u>comprising</u> the steps of:

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